Tree Hearing Oct. 8, 2009

The Tree hearing with Rowe Planning Board, Jim Taylor, tree warden, and National Grid arborist, Lance Wade convened at 7:00 pm. Oct 8, 2009.

Present Planning Board: David Roberson, chr., Joann (Jodi) Brown, and Angela Foshay.
Present National Grid: Lance Wade, arborist
Audience: Bob and Carrie Silva, Ed Silva, Robert Rice, Cindy Laffond, Lenny Laffond, Mitch Sovike, and Danette Reynolds Gallagher.

Jim Taylor stated he had placed the legal and appropriate ads Wednes. Sept 30 and Oct the 1st. in the Greenfield Recorder, and that Davis Mine Road was duly marked.

Chairman of Planning Board, Dave Roberson, reported his surveillance of said Road showed 2 mismarked trees. After reporting this, the situation was remedied by tree warden Taylor, and Rd. crew member, Lance Learned. One questionable ash (Pole 56) leans towards woods, and should not be a problem.

Lance Wade stated facts about pole areas: will be engineer from Co., will be single plan - one line on top after poles set first. Pole 55 is correct (beech tree), and he concurred other tree leans to woods. #34 near large pine which doesn't need cutting.

Chr. Roberson queried regarding easement near-by Davenport Rd. - pasture to farm with right of way

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through woods. Lance replied engineers now feel easier to access a right of way through roads (easements on way out.).
There will be another National Grid worker at the Pole hearing. Lance is in forestry (arborist). Rest of queries need addressing then.
The hearing was then open to discussion:
Mitch: ? all trees marked cut or trimmed ? only mark those to be cut down - use of orange ribbons.
Anne Foshay questioned the cost, as 29 poles are to be placed. Will total cost go to one property owner? will they have control over poles? Policy is: they have to pay initial cost - anyone else building near will have to pay a percentage. [a 5 year window]
Carrie reported they had to pay up front, and have paid half, call coming from a Tom Smith regarding if more payment necessary.
Mitch felt process would be simpler if power done prior to permit. Lance (from Grid) agreed joint tree and pole hearing easier if combined. Danette agreed power first easier.
Bob Rice feels Davis Mine extremely narrow for plowing. Jim Taylor stated being concerns to selectboard and fire chief. It was mentioned the town did vote for scenic roads.
Ch. Roberson approved tree removal; a unanimous oral vote followed at 7:35 pm. (cont'd)

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A paper of approval was signed by the quorum of planning board members, and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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7:45 pm. A brief meeting was held. Dave Roberson, Angela Foshay and Jodi (Joann) Brown present. Danette Gallagher: audience. In regard to having Selectboard appoint Danette as a fifth member, it was a unanimous oral vote to give a 7 day notice; and to ask for a joint meeting with the Selectboard and Planning Board Oct. 14 at 5:30 pm for their approval.

adj. at 8 pm

Joann Brown, Sec.

Rec'd from Jim T?

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The planning board authorize the cutting of the trees on Davis Mine and Davenport roads subject to the approval of the poles.

Joann (Jodi) Brown

Angela Fraley Foshay